

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on June 7, 2018 at 6:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Peggy Doran (by phone)
Commissioner Valerie Nelson
Commissioner Russell Eason
Commissioner Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Fire Chief, John Blackmore

Mayor Connors opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to the Town Manager.

Manager Scotty Summerlin presented a draft budget, budget message and budget ordinance for review. Manager Summerlin also had a revised fee schedule.

Manager Summerlin advised that the fee schedule had been revised to include the four percent (4%) increase in water and sewer. Manager Summerlin also stated that he suggested increasing the mowing cost from \$75 to \$100 per half acre.

Manager Summerlin reviewed his budget message stating the highlights of each fund. Manager Summerlin advised that with the current turnover rate in the police department there were significant deficiencies in salaries. Manager Summerlin stated that if the turnover continues then changes are going to have to be made. Manager Summerlin stated that the Police Chief had decreased spending this year but deficiencies still occurred. Chief Southerland advised that they had decreased check points and raids to help cut costs but he does not want to see a decrease in services to the Town.

All commissioners gave suggestions for cutting costs or how to allow more money to cover overages in the police department and to add more money in budget for police salaries. Commissioners agreed to give back the proposed increase to their salaries, Manager Summerlin is going to hold off on vehicle purchases for administration and police detective. The rework of the administration and police front lobbies has been put off for another year.

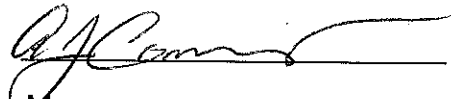
Chief Southerland advised that he had spoken with several other police departments about writing Town Ordinance citations instead of State citations. Chief Southerland advised that he currently had one officer that he was trying this with. Commissioner Doran suggested earmarking these funds for the Police Department. Chief Southerland advised that with the Board's approval he would have more officers writing the ordinance citations.

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Manager Summerlin advised that water and sewer seemed to be in good shape with the increase and there were no changes in Stormwater Fund.

Manager Summerlin advised he would revise the budget and get it to the Board for review but was unsure if he would have it ready for adoption at the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 14th. In the event that the budget was not ready for adoption on June 14th a special meeting date of June 22 at 6:30 was suggested.

With no other concerns to be discussed, Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.


Mayor

Attest


Town Clerk

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